

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the opening paragraph with the following amended text:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/006504 filed June 17, 2004, and claiming priority of German patent application DE 103 28 938.0. The full ~~disclosures of these earlier applications are~~disclosure of the International Application is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph no. [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

A correcting device and a projection objective of this type are known from DE 198 07 120 A1 (the U.S. counterpart of which is patented as US 6,252,712 to Fuerter et al.).